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Title: Method For Construction of *Thermus-E. coli* Shuttle Vectors and Identification of Two *Thermus* Plasmid Replication Origins

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicants which to amend the above-identified Application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 19, line 8, replace "*Biochim. Biophys. Acta* 35732:1 (1998b)" with -*Biochim. iophys. Acta* 1387:422-432 (1998b)--.

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At page 84, line 24, replace "Thompson (*Nucleic Acids Res.*, 16:4321-4325 (1980))" with 1-Thompson (*Nucleic Acids Res.*, 8:4321-4325 (1980)--.

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